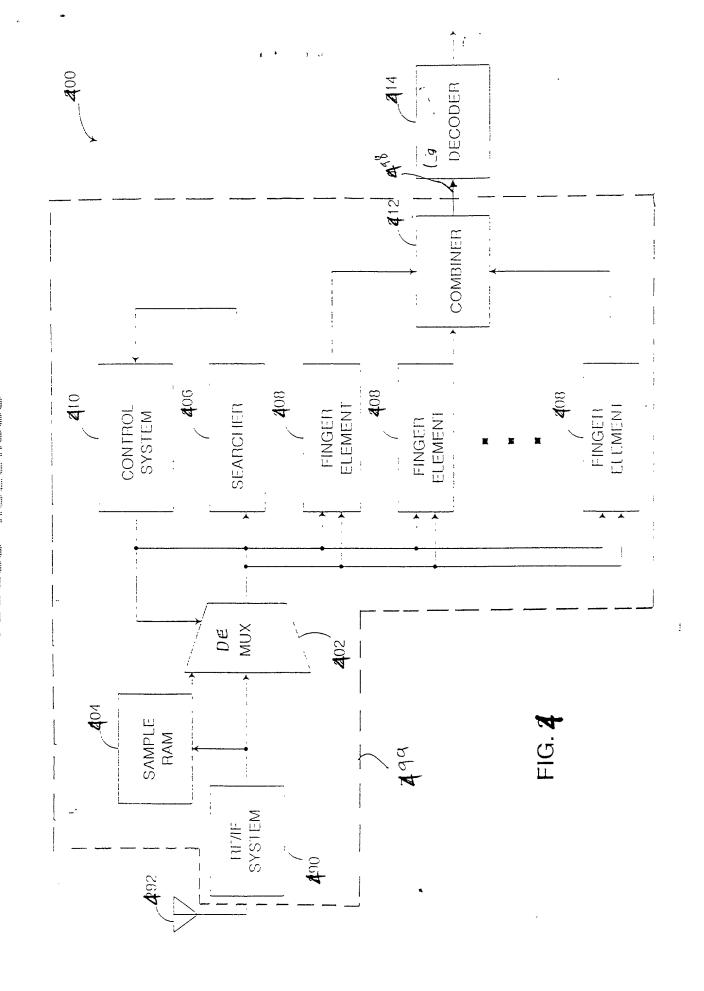


FIG. 3



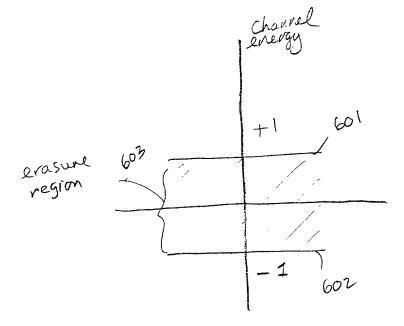


Fig. 5

determining a mobile station is in a soft handoff condition with a serving base station and a non-serving base station receiving, at the serving base station, a message on an acknowledgement channel indicating positive or negative acknowledgment of the reception of a packet of data at the mobile station determining an erasure of the 703 message at the serving base station receiving the message at a non-serving base station on the acknowledgement channel from the mobile station 705 determining a value of the message at the non-serving base station communicating the value of the message from the non-serving base station to the serving base station. changing, at the serving base station the erasure to the value of the message if the value is a positive if value is a negative acknowledgment acknowledgment of of the message the message 709 terminating a transmission of the next data unit of the remainder of data units of the packet of data to the mobile station from the serving base station after receiving the positive acknowledgment from the non-serving base station scheduling transmission of the next data unit of the remainder of data units of the packet of data to the mobile station from the serving base station after receiving the negative acknowledgement from the non serving base station 710